

Ed Blainey, a close friend of many of us in the hobby, died July 31st at the age of 64. Ed provided the sound effects for many radio shows since 1934 including THE FAT MAN, GANGBUSTERS, TERRY AND THE PIRATES and HOP HARRIGAN. With his wife, Norma, he attended our 1977 and 78 conventions at which he helped provide the sound effects for workshops and the radio shows. He was currently providing sound effects for ALL MY CHILDREN...Ed was instrumental in locating many personalities for our conventions and was very enthusiastic about our activities. He and Norma were especially friendly with Joe Webb and his fiancée, Anne Nikl...Ed will be missed by all of us.

THE ALLEN ROCKFORD MEMORIAL AWARD: At our convention on Oct. 20th we would like to make a special award, presented annually, to an individual who has made an exceptional and unselfish contribution to our hobby of old-time radio. Allen, who died Mar. 29, made such a contribution, both with his monthly publication and his radio programs. Don Richardson, who worked with Allen, has supported the idea. Roger Hill of NARA, a friend of mine since 1970, had the same idea which he mentioned in the spring issue of NARA NEWS. I have written to Roger and we are going to work together with all other interested clubs and individuals...We would like to present the first award Oct. 20th at our convention but we need your help. Will all clubs and individuals consider a worthy recipient of our first award and send in your nomination by Oct. 1st with the reasons for your choice. This will give me time to purchase the award and contact the recipient to see if he/she can come. The person with the most votes will be presented the award...The criteria would be excellence and unselfishness in our hobby. It could be involvement with books, newsletters, clubs, charity work, radio shows, logs, etc., now or in the past...If satisfactory involvement and response is not received by Oct. 1st we will consider not making the award until next year. Please meet collectively or individually and send in your votes and ideas... Please send your votes either to me, Jay Hickerson, or Joe Webb, Box 267, Centuck Station, Yonkers, NY 10710.

CONVENTION 1979: UPDATE #4: October 29th, Holiday Inn, Bridgeport, Ct (Details in April Hello Again. If you need a copy of the details send me a SASE.) Additional guests tentatively coming are Hamilton O'Hara, Jackson Beck, Ralph Bell and Ian Martin. For all those staying over Friday night we will have a room with buffet and bar from 5:00 on. Details will be in October issue. If you can offer a ride in the New York City area please contact Stu Weiss, 33 Von Braun Av, Staten Is., NY 10312. Also contact Stu if you need a ride. 71 people are coming as of Aug 4th; 18 display tables are reserved. If anyone wants flyers to distribute, please let me know how many. They will be available toward the end of August...So far we have people coming from NY, Ct, Ill, Mass, NJ, Pa, Vancouver BC, Fla, Cal, Mich, Ky...I appreciate the publicity given by many publications. It is mentioned in Broadcasting Magazine each week in the "event" section. Get your reservations in as soon as possible. Adults are \$16.00; children under 16 are \$13.50. Checks should be sent to me.

A PERSONAL NOTE: I am looking for each week's list of the top ten on YOUR HIT PARADE from 1935 to 1940. Can anyone help?...If you want an answer to a question or information, please send a SASE. Many are doing so already. Thank you.



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6.00 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

IN FOND MEMORY: Ed Blainey, Jul 31, 64; ...George Seaton, Jul 28, 68; one of radio's LONE RANGER; later a writer/director of films... William Todman, Jul 29, 62; created quiz and game shows for radio/TV... Jules Irving, Jul 28, 54; TV producer-director... Hiram Brown Jr, Jul 17, 70; tv and film producer... Hope Summers, Jul 22, 78; actress; Radio-HELEN TRENT, ROAD OF LIFE, MA PERKINS; TV-HAWKINS FALL 1950; ANDY GRIFFITH 1958-63; RIFLEMAN 1960-68... Jill Brown, Jul 26, 48; writer, actress, composer... Corrine Griffith, Jul 13, 81; silent film star... Ernest Gluckman, Jul 7, 77; tv producer-director... Nancy Pollock, Jun 20, 77; actress... Sam Taub, Jul 11, 92; pioneer sports announcer, specializing in boxing... George DeWitt, Jul 14, 56; host of early TV quiz and musical shows... Billie Haywood, Jul 8, 75; blues singer and comedienne... Ken Beale, Jun 20, 47; author-actor; ...Shirley Mason, 79; silent film star... Dorothy Resetar, Jul 12, 80; portrayed Miss Crabtree in LITTLE RASCALS.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: VIDEOGRAM (James Thompson), Box 1563, Dade City, Fla 33525. Published bi-monthly. adzine for videotape collectors. 50¢ each... WORLD OF YESTERDAY; June; articles on THE SHADOW: SMITH & DALE: HARLOD LLOYD: HENRY HULL: phonographs; BEATRICE KAY... ILLUSTRATED PRESS, July; articles on movie stars in OTR and John Wayne... SPERDVAC BULLETIN; July; article on digital timers.

BOOKS AND ARTICLES: Richard Dillman, Box 288, Brookville, Pa 15825 has an excellent 19-page bibliography of books written about the programs and personalities of radio. It is the largest I've seen. It is available from Dick for \$3.00... I recently received RADIO COMEDY by Arthur Frank Wertheim (New York: Oxford University Press, 1979... \$18.95). It is a detailed and devoted review of the rise and height of comedy on radio from the early 20s through the coming of television in the 50s. The author made many interviews and had done much documented research. It is arranged chronologically with virtually all comedians mentioned. It is a 439-page book which is carefully annotated and indexed. I fully recommend it... SPERDVAC is putting out its fourth annual book and is looking for ads. Write Joe Crawford, 3146 E Orangethorpe Av #B, Anaheim, Cal 92806 for details. The magazine has proven to be an excellent way to let OTR fans know about your product or service...

NEW PROGRAMS: Ken Piletic, 705 S Oltendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103 has several FORD V-8 REVIEW-1936 and several SINGING SAM for Coca-cola in excellent condition for trade.

MAILING: Special 4th-class rates are now 59¢ for the first pound and 22¢ for each additional pound through 7 pounds.

NEW ADDRESSES: Ron Barnett, Box 9593, Alexandria, Va 22304. Phn # is (703) 751-3238... James Link, Box 3124, APO New York, 09615.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Guthrie Meade, 611 N Pegram St, Alexandria, Va 22304 wants American Ace Coffee Show with Roy Acuff and Smoky Mountain Boys and Uncle Dave Macon 1947-50. He has one already... Robert Patterson Jr, 545 West Hill Rd, Stamford, Ct 06902... Robert Thomas, 124 Ridgewood Rd, Chagrin Falls, Oh 44022... Bea Musick, 31327 W Rutland, Birmingham, Mich 48009. Wants early shows with Nelson Eddy... Mickey Smith, 1411 Lawson St, Oxford, Mass 38655.

Old Friends; Dick Foss, 36 Washington St, Beverly, Ma 01915 has 250 LUX shows for sale for \$500. several hundred other reels for sale also... Jerry Vaughn, 2 Pagoda Ln, Newark, Del 19711 wants RKO HOLLY-

WOOD STAR TIME SHOWS. This is the celebrity interview series from 1944, not the drama series that began in 1946...Larry Harnisch, 23 N Longfellow, Tuscon, AZ 85711 wants the radio dramatization of the movie "The Best Years of our Lives." It appeared on March 15, 1947 on the Hedda Hopper Show. Might have appeared elsewhere also...Mack Harbin, 7433 Quartz Av, Canoga Pk, Cal 91306 wants all information about SECRET AGENT, X9. It starred Les Tremayne from Chicago. Wants tapes, badge, premiums, booklets, etc. Duff Campbell, Box 4371, Panorama, Cal 91412 wants ALIEN WORLD "The Kilahertz War."...Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol Av, Westchester, Ill 60153 wants FENAMINT NATIONAL AMATEUR NIGHT 8/18/35; also wants from NPR; Jazz Alive with Toots Thielmann; and the Marian McPartland Piano Guest series; also wants 1938 record by Tommy Dorsey with Jack Leonard doing "Blue Moon." Clever background lyrics...Victor Hall, 52 Skylonda Dr, Woodside, Cal 94062 has 47 INNER SANCTUM and 11 SAM SPADE and wants more...Pete Hollis, 1107 Robert Rd, Wilson, NC 27893 is still offering to dub a free reel of shows to any collector with 10 or less reels. Just send Pete a blank reel of tape and postage. Pete also wants the 4 Shakespeare bios. that were on PBS with Arthur Hill narrating.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Does anyone know the complete words to Billy Jones and E nie Hare when they were sponsored by Interwoven Socks. They parodied "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" which began "We are Jones and Hare, The Interwoven Pair...." What's next?...A four-hour syndicated radio special saluting the late Ed Sullivan and his long-running television show is being offered for the Labor Day weekend, Sep 1-3, by International Media Ltd....RKO Radio has set up the RKO Radio Network, due to begin operations via mailed tapes in September and land lines in February 1980. Thomas Burchill, general Manager, said production studios in several cities would turn out news, public affairs and entertainment programs as was done by radio networks in the days before television...THE LOUISIANA HAYRIDE, a country music show that at one time rivaled GRAND OLE OPRY, has ended a 31-year affiliation with radio KWKH Shreveport, La to join KRMD-AM-FM. The change will be in effect July 28th...With \$200,000 spent for 24 minutes of music, Watermark Productions of Studio City, Cal has reportedly spent the most of any firm for music to be heard on a radio serial. The program is, of course, ALIEN WORLDS, a sci-fi drama syndicated to 115 stations of various formats. Music for the show is provided by the Westminster Sinfonia, a group of musicians from the London Symphony Orchestra.

A LETTER FROM ART SCHREIBER, chairman of the NATIONAL BROADCASTERS HALL OF FAME...Correspondence at the Hall of Fame has been extra heavy. We are presently looking for someone with knowledge of the industry to respond to growing requests for information; who is able to manage the Hall of Fame; and who can assist me in planning shows, making presentations to foundations and handling the technical needs of the Hall...We also need help with and ideas for a fund-raising drive for the Hall of Fame. As you know, the Broadcasters Hall of Fame is only two years old, but we have had hundreds of visitors from all over the country and several from overseas. The problem is we do not have nearly enough visitors to pay all of the overhead...As a non-profit corporation, contributions are entirely tax deductible. I am very proud of the Hall and the way it has been accepted by the public...Space has become a problem because of the many artifacts and memorabilia that have been donated. We are thinking seriously of a new building in the near future, but grants and large contributions are most necessary...The Board of Trustees of the Hall has commissioned a feasibility study on fund-raising opportunities

by the firm of Brakely, John Price Jones. The final report is due in the next few days... The Hall is a success. If it is to reach its goal of being a serious national resource on broadcasting, there must be financial assistance beyond my personal commitment. If you have any ideas, please send them to the Hall at West Main St, Freehold, NJ 07728. Phone # is (201) 431-4656.

LATE MAIL: Art Schreiber is also looking for any tapes of Baby Rosemarie... NEW ADDRESS: David Easter, 1900 Angleside Rd, Fallston, Md 21047... Harlen Hinkley, 1427 W American, Freeport, Ill 61032 is looking for a definitive log of FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY... NEW LOG by Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201: GREAT MOMENTS IN MUSIC; 1/7/42-6/26/46; Cost is \$1.50; 10 pages... Jay Silverheels, Tonto on TV, was the 1707th entertainment personality to get a star placed in the Walk of Fame. He was the first American Indian so honored. He has been acting for 35 years... Shelley Patterson recently died at 77. She was a co-founder of TOWN HALL OF THE AIR... NEW ADDRESS for Rager Hill is Monroe Residence Club, 1870 Sacramento St, San Fran, Cal 94109. Mark "Hold for arrival"... RECEIVED July issue of COLLECTORS CORNER: Articles on Locked Room murder stories; and sound processing... Fred Waring Will return to TV after an absence in a regular time slot of 25 years. The Aug. 19th performance of Waring's "choral concert, "More about Love," will be taped by WNET New York for PBS from the Hershey Theater in Hershey, Pa. Airing will be sometime in December... IN FOND MEMORY: Alexis Thurn-Taxis, July 26, 88; producer-director... Karl Krueger, July 20, 85; conductor... Phil Buttelge, July 29, 84; pianist, composer (China Boy; Little Doll)

CONVENTION: Newest total of people coming is 80. Just heard from Sybil Trent (Let's Pretend) who will be there. Get your reservations in. Display and dealer tables are limited.

I will be away next week so won't get to your correspondence until the 20th.

Write if you get Work and Hang by your thumbs

Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 or 795-3748 (mornings)

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